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## LIQUOR CAUSES A MURDER AND SUICIDE

### WM. AUXIER KILLS HIS BEST FRIEND AND THEN HIMSELF.

On last Sunday night at the mouth of Wolfe creek, Martin-co., one mile from Kermit, Wm. Auxier fatally shot Mrs. Harris Murphy and then killed himself. The woman was brought to Riverview hospital at Louisa Monday morning, but died soon after reaching here. Auxier used a shot gun for his terrible double tragedy. Mrs. Murphy was shot in the arm and also through the abdomen. The load carried a piece of corset steel almost through her body. After shooting Mrs. Murphy, Auxier shot his left arm nearly off and then put the barrel of the gun to his abdomen and leaned over and discharged it, causing almost instant death. This is another tragedy chargeable entirely to whisky.

Both Auxier and the woman were about fifty years of age. He had made his home with the Murphy family about thirty years. On the day of the killing he had returned from Catlettsburg with a supply of liquor. That night he discovered he had lost \$200 and began to swear loudly about it. Mrs. Murphy told him he would have to cut out the oaths and he immediately got the gun and committed the double murder. It is said a young son of the woman had two fingers shot off in trying to pull his mother out of the range of the gun.

The husband and four or five children survive the wife and mother. Murphy is a brother of Thos. J. Murphy, of Yatesville, this county. His wife was a daughter of Lum Fannin, of Inez. Auxier came into Lawrence-co. when a very young man and married the widow of Fisher Marcum, who was killed by Pud Marcum. They separated soon afterward and Auxier has been with the Murphy family almost ever since, going with them to Martin-co.

### W. J. GOOCH DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS.

W. J. Gooch, secretary of the Kentucky State Fair, and for twenty years prominent in Democratic politics in Kentucky, died in Louisville last Friday morning in his apartments at the Seelbach hotel. Mr. Gooch's illness was of only a week's duration. He attended the meeting of the State Fair Board at Lexington Thursday, January 4, at which he was elected secretary of the State Fair the second time. That evening a dinner was given the board, which Mr. Gooch attended. He was taken ill that night with acute indigestion, and returning to Louisville, was confined to his apartments. He grew rapidly worse, pleurisy developed, and this was followed by pericarditis.

### WEBB BOGGS.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1917, at 6 o'clock—a few moments after sunset the bonds of matrimony were solemnized between Mr. T. E. Boggs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boggs, of Orr, Ky., and Miss Mary E. Webb, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Webb, of Overda, Ky. They were joined in wedlock by Rev. Martin Berry of the Baptist church. They are both highly respected young people of our country. Mr. Boggs being employed and studying architecture at Omar, W. Va., and Miss Webb is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Webb. She is a sister of Mrs. Andrew Ball. The groom comes highly recommended from his vicinity. As the time drew near for the wedding, Mr. Boggs and Miss Webb entered the parlor with a few friends and relatives. The beautiful bride was becomingly dressed in white shadow lace over white meshine, white silk gloves and white slippers to match. The wedding supper was prepared by Mrs. Webb, the bride's mother and her sister, Mrs. Andrew Ball. After all had eaten sumptuously of this good supper, the wedding cake was cut by Miss Zora Thompson, of Ellen, and passed to the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Boggs by Mr. J. B. Thompson, a leading teacher of our country. The affair dinner on Sunday was prepared at A. D. Ball's by Mrs. Martha Ball and on Monday the young couple went to Mr. Boggs' home in Elliott county where a few friends and relatives were present and a nice dinner was served by Mrs. Boggs' mother. The young couple will leave in a few days for Omar, W. Va., where they will reside. Our good wishes go with them through this new year and through life. A GUEST.

### E. H. EVES AT GRAYSON.

Mr. E. H. Eves, a native of Louisa, who is known to all the older people of this place, has become editor of the East Kentucky Journal at Grayson. He is an entertaining writer and should add to the success of the Journal. For many years he has been in the West doing newspaper work. During his school days in Louisa he was editor of a school paper published every Friday, with a circulation of one copy. But it was read aloud to the school on Friday afternoon and always created a lot of interest and amusement. Thus the writing habit got hold of him early in life and he is a newspaper man because he "can't help it."

### QUITE AN OIL BOOM.

Irvine, Ky., January 15.—It is reported that tentative plans have been made for the construction here of a three-hundred-room hotel. Present facilities are inadequate to accommodate the hundreds of oil men and investors who visit Irvine daily from all parts of the Union.

## LEAVES LOUISVILLE; ROBS B. & O. TRAIN

Kansas City, Mo., January 17.—H. Grady Webb, a young medical student, is under arrest, charged by Federal authorities with having been a member of the gang which held up and robbed a Baltimore & Ohio train in Dodge county, W. Va., of approximately \$100,000 of unassigned currency in October, 1915.

Webb was identified yesterday by a fellow student who recalled that the picture on a poster issued by the Government depicting the fugitive looked exceedingly like Webb. One thousand dollars reward was offered for the fugitive's capture. Federal officials say that about \$1,000 of the money was found in Webb's possession.

### MRS. OLLIE M. JAMES BACK IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Ollie M. James, wife of Kentucky's senior Senator, returned to Washington today from her trip to Japan. Mrs. James sailed from San Francisco on August 26, with Post Wheeler, secretary of the American legation at Tokyo, and Mrs. Wheeler, who formerly was a Kentuckian, and who is well known in literary circles as Hattie Ermine Rivers. While in Japan Mrs. James was presented at the Imperial Court and was the recipient of other unusual honors. In addition she visited China and upon her trip back to the United States she was the guest in Honolulu of Judge James Coke, of the United States Supreme Court there, and Mrs. Coke.

### WILL HAVE OFFICE IN HUNTINGTON.

Fred J. Ginn, C. & O. agent for Ironton and Russell and superintendent of ferries, has been promoted by the C. & O. company to the important post of Assistant Manager Allen of the C. & O. line, with headquarters at Huntington, W. Va. On January 15 Mr. Ginn assumed the duties of his new office. The splendid promotion comes after years of faithful service and is richly deserved by the young man, who has always given the very best in him to his company. Mr. Ginn has been with the C. & O. for more than twenty years.

### FORMER LOUISA CITIZEN ELECTED BANK PRESIDENT.

J. W. Heron, chief car distributor for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway company, is the new head of the Ohio Valley Bank, having been elected yesterday afternoon by the directors of that institution to fill the post vacated by the retirement of C. M. Wallace, which was announced by the Herald-Dispatch a week ago. Mr. Heron has been long connected with the Ohio Valley, of which he was vice president prior to the new organization.—Huntington-Herald-Dispatch.

### BOTH PARTIES HAVE 215 MEMBERS IN NEXT HOUSE.

Tie Exists According To Advance List Made Public By South Trimble.

Washington, January 13.—An advance list of members of the next House of Representatives, prepared by South Trimble, clerk of the House, and made public today, gives 215 Democrats, 215 Republicans, two Progressives, one Prohibitionist, one Socialist and one Independent. The tabulation, which is unofficial, has been held up pending the outcome of close contests, and finally was issued after announcement that Representative Scully, Democrat, of New Jersey, had been re-elected. Republicans, while conceding its accuracy, declared to-day that a final decision that Representative Barchfield, Republican, of Pennsylvania, had been elected, would upset the figures. The name of Representative Barchfield's opponent is given in the list.

### APPLES IN KENTUCKY.

The Government report of production in this state for 1915 was 4,170,000 barrels, with an average selling price of \$2.40 per barrel. While the quantity produced this year was probably less, the quality was superior and the amount of money brought to the growers was considerably greater.

It is a well-known fact that Kentucky apples have the finest flavor of fruit grown anywhere, especially can this be said of our Kentucky Winesap. We may not produce the most attractive-looking apples, but we are great on flavor. We are yet to learn the art of properly nourishing our trees, cultivation, picking, grading and packing, but we are coming.

### REVIVAL AT M. E. CHURCH.

The protracted meeting at the M. E. Church is still in progress, services having been held each afternoon and evening this week by the pastor, Rev. Postwick. Special music is a feature of these services which are being attended by members of all denominations in Louisa.

### MEASLES AFFECTS VOICE.

Benj. J. Ward, telegraph operator at Van Lear who has had measles for several days, has been taken to a hospital in Lexington for treatment. His voice has been affected so that he can not speak above a whisper.

## THOMAS J. MAYO DIES AT PAINTSVILLE

### FATHER OF JOHN C. C. MAYO PASSES TO THE GREAT BEYOND.

Mr. Thomas J. Mayo died at his home in Paintsville at 4:30 o'clock Monday evening, January 15th. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the family residence, conducted by Rev. Sowards, pastor of the M. E. Church South.

Mr. Mayo had been suffering from asthma since early in the fall. He also had other infirmities, the combination of which he was unable to withstand at his advanced age. He was in his 77th year.

He is survived by his wife, age 75; a daughter, Mrs. Fred Atkinson; three sons, W. I. M. S. and Robt. Less than three years ago his oldest son John C. C. Mayo died. Marvin, the youngest son, died about ten years ago. Victoria, an older daughter, died in young womanhood.

Deceased was a grandson of Lewis Mayo, one of the pioneer teachers of the Big Sandy Valley. He was a son of Washington Mayo, who was a brother of Mrs. Cynthia F. Stewart, of Louisa. Thomas Mayo's mother was Sarah Auxier Mayo, whose second husband was Martin Leslie. Half-brothers and sisters surviving the subject of this sketch are A. S. Leslie, R. A. E. Leslie and Mrs. B. F. Conley.

The surviving widow was Elizabeth Leslie, daughter of Pharrmer Leslie, of Pike-co., a sister of Mrs. Victoria Williamson, of Williamson, W. Va.

Thos. J. Mayo moved to Johnson-co. about the close of the civil war. He represented the district in the Kentucky Legislature a few years later, being elected as a Democrat. He was a school teacher nearly all his life, and was known as one of the most thorough and competent teachers in Eastern Kentucky. He devoted his time to farming after giving up teaching and he owned one of the finest farms in the county, just across from Paintsville. He was a man of the highest character, thoroughly honest, and without a bad habit of any kind. He was a member of the M. E. Church South. With his passing there is removed one of the few exemplary old men left of the sturdy pioneer stock that settled this valley. The news of his death will awaken in thousands of his former pupils a pang of sorrow and also a spark of gratitude for the faithful instruction he gave them in their school days. He was a useful citizen, whose life and example is worthy of being followed.

### JAMES TRIMBLE.

Mr. James Trimble, formerly of Catlettsburg and Ashland, has many friends in the Big Sandy Valley. Many of them may not know just where he is now located and what he is doing. These will be interested in hearing that he is now a National Bank Examiner working regularly in Washington City. Occasionally he is sent out by special appointment to do work in other districts. He has been in New York City by special assignment for three months and is now making examination of the National City Bank, the largest in the United States. Another case demonstrating the fact that all a Big Sandy needs is a chance at the big city. In a letter he asks to be remembered to almost everybody here over forty years of age, as he knows practically all the natives in that class.

### MISS BLANKENSHIP ENTERTAINS

Miss Grace Blankenship entertained a number of friends very pleasantly on Wednesday evening at her home on upper Franklin street. Games and music were the diversion. Delicious candy made by the hostess was enjoyed. Later in the evening refreshments were daintily served by Lucile, pretty little sister of the hostess. Each guest departed thanking Miss Grace for a good time. Those present were Misses Grace Sammons, Helen Carter, Virginia Hager, Blanche Mae and Sue Bromley, Messrs. Lundy Evans, Will Woods, Will Sander, Estill Lammeter and Mr. Dunnington, all of the K. N. C.

### COURT OF APPEALS.

May vs. Ford, Pike; affirmed on the original and reversed on the cross appeal. Consolidated Coal Company vs. Spradling, Johnson; reversed. Bridgeman vs. S. V. & E. Ry. Co., Pike; motion to advance sustained and case submitted. Combs vs. Walker, Elliott; motion to submit and affirm overruled and motion to dismiss sustained and appeal dismissed.

Judge vs. Preece and York, Martin; motion for subpoena duces tecum sustained and same ordered to issue.

Hays vs. Beaver Creek Coal and C. Co., Floyd; motion to dismiss passed to be heard with case on merits.

Auxier vs. Auxier, Johnson; motion to dismiss passed to merits.

Parsons vs. Dila, Pike; appellant filed petition for rehearing with notice.

### MRS. H. W. CASTLE DEAD.

Mrs. H. W. Castle died at her home four miles from Louisa last Saturday morning, after a long period of ill health. The burial took place Sunday. Mrs. Castle was 64 years old. Her husband and several grown sons and daughters survive. She was a good woman and her death is a severe loss to them and to the community. Her maiden name was Miss Julia Chapman and she was a sister of the late G. R. B. Chapman.

Although the weather was inclement the burial was attended by a large crowd of relatives and friends.

## D. J. BURCHETT TAKES OVER PICTURE SHOW.

The Paintsville Herald says: D. J. Burchett, of Louisa, has closed a deal for the Stafford Theatre with H. M. Stafford and will take charge of the house February 1. Mr. Burchett was here last Friday and all the details of the transaction were closed.

Mr. Burchett owns the show house at Louisa where he conducts one of the best picture shows in Eastern Kentucky. Many improvements will be made in the building as well as the show. Mr. Burchett has had 11 years experience in the show business and promises the best picture for the Paintsville house that can be procured on the market. The show will be open every night beginning the first of the month and the admission will be 10c to all.

Will Cain will have charge of The Stafford and he is well trained in the moving picture shows.

### DRILLING FOR NATURAL GAS AT IRVINE.

Within the next twelve months there is a strong possibility that the residents of Irvine, Estill-co., will have natural gas in their homes for light, heat and fuel and possibly neighboring cities will be getting their gas from this field.

Arrangements are now being made for drilling a well on the Adam Walling farm to a depth of 2,000 feet. The location is 3 miles from Irvine and two miles northwest of the lower end of the oil field located on White Oak creek.

The operating company is the Lucky Star Oil Co., of New York. It will require several months to complete the well.

### STRIKE BIG GASSER IN WAYNE COUNTY.

Word was received Wednesday of the bringing in of what is said to be a five million foot gasser on the Wade Marum place on the right fork of Twelve Pole, near Breeden, Wayne-co. The well was put down by the Alleen Oil company of Huntington in which Judge Thomas H. Harvey, W. P. Floyd, Charles H. Bronson and other well known capitalists and oil men are interested. The company has 5,000 acres under lease. This is the second well on this tract.

### CONFESSES HE SLEW MAN; ANOTHER IS SENTENCED.

Norfolk, Va., January 15.—A man giving his name as Otis C. Deegan, 23 years old, who says he is a son of Mayor J. F. Deegan, of Coalgrove, O., confessed last night, according to the police, that he killed George Moore, employee of a coal company at York, W. Va., last March, and that Lonnie Booth, now serving a prison term, was unjustly accused of the crime.

### IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

El Paso, Tex., January 15.—Lieut. Gibson Hale, of L. Company, Third Kentucky Infantry, was accidentally shot through the temple and instantly killed Saturday evening while seated in his tent at the regimental camp near El Paso. A few moments prior to the accident, Lieut. Hale and some of the other officers of the regiment had been inspecting a shotgun, the property of Capt. William King, of K Company, Owensboro, of the same regiment.

One of the officers slipped a ball cartridge of service ammunition into the chamber of the shotgun to ascertain whether it would fit. The weapon was then laid aside and in some manner was discharged, the ball passing through Lieut. Hale's temple, killing him instantly. Capt. King and Lieut. Hale occupied adjoining tents and were warm friends.

Lieut. Hale's home was at Murray and the body was sent there accompanied by Sergt. W. V. Hale, his brother. A military funeral was held here.

### PNEUMONIA CAUSED DEATH.

Frank Brown, who recently returned to Ashland from Utah, died Wednesday night of last week at the home of his cousin, G. W. Vanhoose in Ashland. His death was due to pneumonia from which he had been a sufferer but a very brief time. Since returning to Ashland Mr. Brown has been employed at the new steel plant.

The deceased was born in Johnson county, near Paintsville, fifty years ago. About thirty years ago, he moved to Utah, where he engaged in the raising of fruit near Salt Lake City.

Mr. Brown is survived by two brothers, Mart and Henry of Utah, Mrs. S. P. Hager, of Ashland, and Mrs. John W. Potter of Catlettsburg, are half sisters.

### MR. J. M. RIFFE VERY SICK.

Hon. Jerry M. Riffe is very ill at his home near Yatesville and his death at any time would not be unexpected. He has been in poor health for a year or more, and his advanced age makes recovery very doubtful. He is a man of more than ordinary ability and attainments and has been a leader in his community. He is a lawyer and also a preacher, and he has exerted a good influence wherever he has gone.

Orville and Eugene Bellomy, 10 and 7 years old, sons of William Bellomy, were burned to death, and their brother Russell, 13, probably fatally burned in a fire early Monday morning, which destroyed their father's residence on his farm, six miles from Vanceburg, Ky. Their father and mother were badly burned in a vain attempt to rescue their children.

T. R. McEltholm of Boyd county was here Monday with a drove of cattle.

## C. C. HUDDLESTON KILLED BY DEBTOR

### WHITESBURG MAN SUICIDES AFTER SHOOTING HUNTINGTON LUMBERMAN.

The double tragedy on the Louisville & Nashville train at the outskirts of Hazard last Thursday when C. C. Huddleston, wealthy lumberman of Huntington, W. Va., and R. B. Franklin, contractor and builder of Whitesburg, were killed, has been investigated thoroughly by the authorities who have examined many passengers on the train and taken statements from some of them.

There was no actual eye witness to the tragedy, because the train was passing through the tunnel which separates Hazard from Lothair. From the facts as detailed by passengers questioned, Mr. Huddleston and his salesman in this territory had been to Whitesburg to collect some bills for lumber, which it was claimed Franklin owed Huddleston, and while there, sued Franklin and attached his property.

They then boarded the noon train. When they had come to within eight or ten miles of Hazard, Franklin asked to speak with Huddleston and took the seat beside him and they engaged in conversation. None of the passengers realized that either of the men was angry. The first intimation of trouble was the firing of Franklin's pistol, when the train was in the tunnel.

Practically all of the passengers agreed that only two shots were fired, but an examination of the two men showed that Franklin was wounded twice, in the breast, the bullet passing entirely through his body; and in the abdomen. Huddleston was shot in the heart.

The coach in which the shooting occurred was crowded, but no one realized that the reports were pistol shots, taking it for granted that they were signal torpedoes, until the train emerged from the tunnel. Huddleston was then lying back in the seat and Franklin was crumpled up over his knees.

Two theories have been advanced as to the shooting, one being that the shooting of Huddleston was accidental and that he was killed by the ball which passed through Franklin's body. This contention is supported apparently by the statements of persons in the coach that only two shots were heard. Other passengers on the train say they heard three shots fired, and their theory is that Franklin shot Huddleston and then shot himself twice. The position of the two men when the train pulled out of the tunnel indicated that there had been no struggle. Both men wore nose-glasses and these were still in place.

Huddleston died as the train stopped; Franklin died a half hour later in the Botkin hospital at Hazard. Franklin is survived by his widow and three children who live at Whitesburg, and Huddleston is survived by a wife and three children. Franklin was 28 years of age and Huddleston 41.

### MRS. S. P. FETTER ILL.

Widow of Mayo Was in Critical Condition, But Is Now Out Of Danger.

Mrs. S. P. Fetter, who was seized with an attack of neuralgia of the heart at her home in Paintsville Saturday, is much improved. Her condition was considered for a time as very serious. Mrs. Fetter has sufficiently recovered from the attack to be out of danger.

### CLAIMS DAMAGES BECAUSE CONDUCTOR ABUSED HIM.

Charging assault and verbal abuse by William Fulk, a conductor on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, W. A. Bald entered suit at Huntington to recover \$20,000 damages from the railroad company.

Said alleges that on December 21 while riding on a train between Charleston and Huntington he was subjected to insult and threatened by the conductor when that official took summary measures to remove the suit case and sample case of the plaintiff from the seat in front of the occupant.

### REPORT WAS ERRONEOUS.

Ironton, O., January 12.—It was reported last night that Selden Hanks, well known C. & O. engineer, who runs out of Russell up the Big Sandy, had been killed in a train wreck but the report proved to be erroneous. Mrs. Hanks received a telephone message, stating that her husband had been killed, and for more than an hour she was almost distracted, but her fears were relieved when she received another call from official sources, stating that the report was erroneous.

### AGENT WILL MEYERS.

Wm. Meyers, of Covington, succeeds F. J. Ginn as agent in the Russell-Ironton offices. He is thoroughly familiar with the railroad work and has been in the service of the C. & O. about seventeen years. He is a son of Capt. Wm. Meyers, of Ashland, and several years ago was employed in the Louisa C. & O. office.

A serious revival meetings is being held in the M. E. Church, South, in Greenup. Rev. J. W. Crites, of Emmanuel church, Huntington, West Va., is assisting the pastor this week. Next week Rev. L. E. McElowney, of Charleston, W. Va., will do the preaching.

## PINSON MENTIONED FOR WARDENSHIP.

A. C. Pinson, former mayor of Williamson, is now being mentioned as likely to be appointed warden of the West Virginia penitentiary, while politicians here are inclined to scout the rumor that Thomas E. Hodges, former president of West Virginia university, will accept the position. The merry whirl of contest for appointments by Governor-elect Cornwell is said to be continuing apace. Among the recent decisions the governor-elect is said to have reached is that which will prevent any federal office-holder from accepting a position under the state regime. Mr. Cornwell is said to feel that these appointments have already been sufficiently honored by the Democratic party.

### JACKSON BOY WINS PIG CLUB CONTEST.

Ernest Cornelius, 10 years old, of Bond, Jackson-co., is winner of the Boys' Pig Club contest and a \$50 loving cup, Otis Kercher, of the Kentucky Experiment Station, Lexington, who is in charge of the boys' club work, has announced.

Young Cornelius entered the contest May 20 with 1,300 other Kentucky youths. His pig was a Duroc, Prince Henry 11. It weighed forty-six pounds on May 20. When the contest closed October 29, his "pig" weighed 470 pounds, a daily gain of two and eight-tenths pounds. The championship cup will be sent to young Cornelius this week.

### HUNTINGTON TEACHER KILLED IN AN ELEVATOR.

Miss Blanche Enslow, age 55, was crushed to death in an elevator at the high school building in Huntington a few days ago. She was a sister of Dr. C. R. Enslow and Frank, Florence Enslow and had been a teacher in Huntington for forty years. She was badly crippled by rheumatism and when the elevator started suddenly and without the operator being aboard she was thrown into a doorway and crushed.

### WINDOWS PURCHASED FOR CHURCH.

Art glass windows for the new M. E. Church South were purchased last Monday evening, after a session of several hours with representatives of several firms. The successful contractor was the Huntington Plate Glass company, representing a Chicago art glass factory. The design selected is very artistic and the value is considered by the committee to be exceptional. The competition was sharp and prices tumbled beautifully. The bill finally purchased amounts to \$300.

### HUGH RUSSELL DEAD.

Hugh Russell, of Ironton, O., died Saturday morning in a Cincinnati hospital after a several weeks illness. Cincinnati specialists pronounced his ailment as pneumonia and heart trouble. His wife and son, Hugh Russell, Jr., were at his bedside.

Mr. Russell was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Jean Russell, now deceased and was born in Lawrence county, Ky. in 1853. He moved to Ashland in 1868. For over a quarter of a century he was engaged in the saddle and harness business in that city, and his name was one of the best known in the business world in this entire section. Some twenty years ago he moved to Ironton where he also made a decided success of the harness and hardware business. Several years ago he disposed of his store in Ironton and retired from active business. The deceased was a Mason of high standing, and also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

### SAD DEATHS ON POND CREEK.

Friends of Mr. Wesley Ball, will be sorry to learn that he passed away at his home on Pond creek last Wednesday. Also to learn that just a few hours later his wife passed away. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ball were highly respected in Pike-co., and being two of its oldest citizens were widely known. Mr. Ball was 74 years of age and his wife just a few years younger, being 68. They leave a large family of children all of whom live in the vicinity of Pinson Junction on Pond creek. The funerals were held at the church near their home and they were buried Saturday morning.—Williamson News.

### RETURNED TO LOUISA.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, who had been suffering from a stroke of paralysis for several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. T. Burton at Auxier, was brought to Louisa last Friday evening and taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Burton. She was accompanied by Mr. A. T. Burton and Mrs. A. L. Burton, who had been at her bedside during her illness. Owing to her advanced age Mrs. Thompson's case is considered serious.

### TRIAL OF HUGH COMBS.

In the case of the commonwealth vs. Hugh Combs and others charged with the murder of Jerome S. Hardin the trial began Tuesday morning in Circuit Court in Catlettsburg, Commonwealth Attorney J. F. Coldiron, and attorneys W. D. O'Neal, of Louisa, A. J. Kirk, of Paintsville, and Lovina, of Kenova, representing the plaintiff. The defendants were represented by attorneys H. R. Dysard, E. P. Harris and Chas. Williams.

### BECKHAM IN COLUMBUS.

Senator Beckham, of Kentucky, attended the big referendum campaign "dry" of Ohio in a speech in the auditorium at Columbus Tuesday night. William J. Bryan spoke in the same place Wednesday night.